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KODAK EMPLOYEE ADMITS TO STEALING PROPERTY FROM KODAK

RE: UNITED STATES v. SALVATORE VELTRE

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that Salvatore Veltre, age 39, of 326 Annie Lane, Greece, New York, pleaded guilty in front of the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to interstate transportation of stolen property, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2314, which carries a maximum of ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that Veltre was formerly employed at Kodak as an assistant group leader. During 2003 and 2004, Veltre stole appropriately 500 large toner cartridges from Kodak. He then sold the cartridges to two out-of-state companies, Supply Link and T3Toner. The government estimates that the total loss to Kodak was in excess of \$200,000.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

Sentencing for Veltre is scheduled for November 5, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa.

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